

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 44 thru 50 and 61 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 43, 52, 53, 58 thru 60 and 62, and add claim 63, as follows:

Claims 1 thru 42. (Canceled)

1 43. (Currently Amended) A main base for use in a head drum assembly
2 mounting structure on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base comprising:

3 a central portion; and

4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion;

5 ~~wherein said central portion is discontinuous so as to have a hole disposed therein~~
6 ~~for receiving a protrusion extending from a lower portion of the head drum assembly; and~~

7 ~~— wherein said central portion is discontinuous so as to have at least two screw holes~~
8 ~~formed therein for receiving respective screws which pass through said screw holes and~~
9 ~~are screwed into the lower portion of the head drum assembly~~

10 wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a
11 downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected
12 on another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central
13 portion, whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer
14 portion;

15 said main base further comprising a positioning pin extending upward from said
16 upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion into a positioning hole

17 formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

Claims 44-50. (Cancelled)

1 51. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central
2 portion is formed with said outer portion into one piece.

1 52. (Currently Amended) The main base of claim 43, ~~further comprising~~
2 wherein said positioning pin comprises a hook pin which includes at least two locking
3 ends extending upward from said central portion for insertion into ~~a locking the~~
4 positioning hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 53. (Currently Amended) The main base of claim 52, wherein said two locking
2 ends are flexible toward and away from each other so as to move toward each other when
3 initially passing through a narrow portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away
4 from each other after entering a wider, locking portion of the ~~locking~~ positioning hole.

1 54. (Previously Presented) A main base for use in a head drum assembly
2 mounting structure on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base comprising:
3 a central portion; and
4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion;
5 wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a

6 downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected
7 on another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central
8 portion, whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer
9 portion.

1 55. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 54, further comprising a
2 positioning pin extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central
3 portion for insertion into a positioning hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum
4 assembly.

1 56. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 55, wherein said central
2 portion is formed with said outer portion into one piece.

1 57. (Previously Presented) The main base of claim 54, wherein said central
2 portion is formed with said outer portion into one piece.

1 58. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A main base of claim 54, for use in a head
2 drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base
3 comprising:

4 a central portion; and
5 an outer portion surrounding said central portion;
6 wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a

7 downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected
8 on another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central
9 portion, whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer
10 portion;

11 said main base further comprising a hook pin which includes at least two locking
12 ends extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for
13 insertion into ~~a locking~~ the positioning hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum
14 assembly.

1 59. (Currently Amended) The main base of claim 58, wherein said two locking
2 ends are flexible toward and away from each other so as to move toward each other when
3 initially passing through a narrow portion of the ~~locking~~ positioning hole, and so as to
4 move away from each other after entering a wider, locking portion of the ~~locking~~
5 positioning hole.

1 60. (Currently Amended) A main base for use in a head drum assembly
2 mounting structure on a deck of a tape recorder, said main base comprising:
3 a central portion;
4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion; and
5 positioning means extending upward from said central portion for insertion into a
6 positioning hole formed in a lower portion of the head drum assembly so as to position
7 said main base relative to the head drum assembly;

8 wherein said positioning means comprises a hook pin which includes at least two
9 locking ends extending upward from said central portion for insertion into the positioning
10 hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

Claim 61. (Canceled)

1 62. (Currently Amended) The main base of claim [[61]] 60, wherein said two
2 locking ends are flexible toward and away from each other so as to move toward each
3 other when initially passing through a narrow portion of the ~~locking~~ positioning hole, and
4 so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking portion of the ~~locking~~
5 positioning hole.

1 63. (New) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion is
2 discontinuous so as to have a hole disposed therein for receiving a protrusion extending
3 from a lower portion of the head drum assembly, and wherein said central portion is
4 discontinuous so as to have at least two screw holes formed therein for receiving
5 respective screws which pass through said screw holes and are screwed into the lower
6 portion of the head drum assembly.